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Addendum

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Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate [6]

1. The Committee considered agenda item 6, entitled "Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate" and reviewed the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations agreed to by the Committee on the matter at its thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth sessions.

Duration of the sessions

2. It was expressed that, in view of the heavy workload of the Committee, the possibility of extending the duration of the sessions should be considered. Alternatively, its agenda should include fewer items or be biennialized, and consideration should be given to shortening the Committee sessions. It was also expressed that the duration of the sessions of the Committee should be respected in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976. It was also stated that the Committee should rationalize its work programme in order to make better and efficient use of the conference servicing resources allocated to it.

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Conclusions and recommendations

3. The Committee reaffirmed its commitment to meeting its terms of reference as contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and its annex.

4. The Committee recalled paragraph 41 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 urging it to make further improvements in its programme and methods of work as would facilitate the full discharge of its responsibilities.

5. The Committee also recalled paragraph 46 of the annex to resolution 32/197 calling for measures to be taken by the Member States to facilitate representation at a high level of expertise and to ensure the continuity of such representation.

6. The Committee reiterated that the revisions to the medium-term plan, or in case of a new draft, legislative mandates should be included in the form of footnotes.

7. The Committee emphasized that, in accordance with paragraph 27 of part I of General Assembly resolution 54/249, all future programme budgets should include legislative mandates for programme narratives.

8. The Committee reiterated its recommendations that the relevant intergovernmental bodies, as well as the Economic and Social Council and the Main Committees of the General Assembly, should include in their programme of work an agenda item on programme planning for the review of the proposed medium-term plan and its revisions.

9. The Committee emphasized the need for brief and concise oral presentation of reports by the Secretariat.

10. The Committee emphasized the need for the presence of senior programme managers to assist the Committee in its deliberations on the agenda items pertaining to the areas of their respective responsibilities.

11. The Committee underlined the importance of effective implementation of its conclusions and recommendations.